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October 1994 - Communications Calendar

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30 < ARRL EME < CQ WW DX Lebanon, IN Hamfest	31 Halloween					

Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

(Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time GMT-5 hours)

[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

NET FREQS: TNT 146.76 Murphy Swap 146.94 Sloppy Code 7.1405 Huntington ARES 146.685 Whitley ARES 147.150

Daily Nets: Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 19:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 18:30 | 21 Repeater Group 147.150 21:00 | Auburn 147.360 18:00

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A Newsletter for the Fort Wayne Radio Club Members

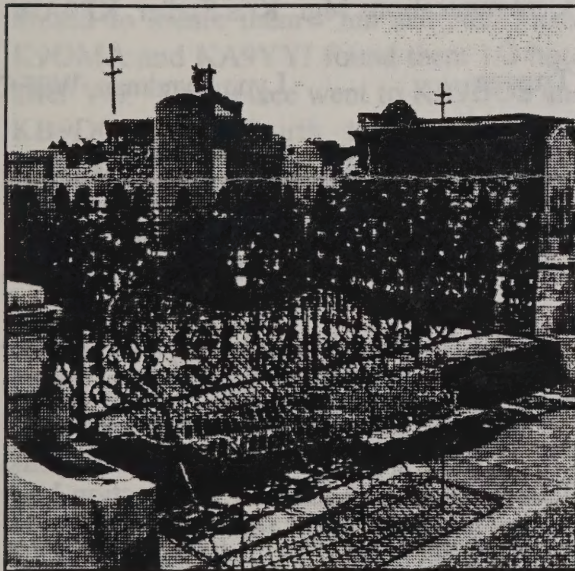
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Cliff's Notes:

"Here lies the body of our beautiful Charlotte,
She was born a virgin, but died a harlot,
For 25 years she maintained her virginity,
Which is pretty good for this vicinity"

I guess I should say that this months meeting is "cast in stone". The above verse is commonly referred to as an epitaph. An "epitaph" is a short statement or story surrounding the life of the person buried there.



This months guest speaker has been collecting epitaphs for years. Her travels have taken her to remote locations and weedpatches all across the country. She recently visited the home of the famous railroader Casey Jones in Jackson, Tennessee. What was the true fate of the famous engineer? Who is this guest speaker who spoke at the National Undertakers Convention? Get ready for the "TOMBSTONE LADY". It's interesting, it's humorous, it's part of history you don't want to miss! (If you miss this meeting we need to check you for a pulse !!)

Well, this years FWRC Hamfest and Computer Show is now history. Thanks to hamfest chairman, John Goller K9UWA, Jean Anderson N9PXF, Carol Burke WB9RUS and all of the guys and gals who gave of their time and effort making this years hamfest a great success.

Plans are already underway for this years FWRC Christmas party. It's hard to believe that Christmas is only about 90 days away. The party will be held at the clubhouse on Friday December 16th at approx 6:30pm. The dinner will be buffet style with the club furnishing the main courses including drinks and tableware. The cost for the Christmas party is "0,Zip,Nada,Free". Look for areal good time. W9FJT Bob Sievers "Mr WOWO" will talk on his "Fifty Years at WOWO Radio". More details upcoming in CLIFFNOTES.

Something New at this months meeting !!

We're going to have an "Eyeball QSL". What is that, you ask? What do we do? It's easy:

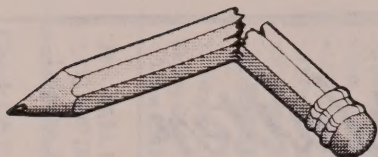
1. Pick up a piece of paper and a pencil at the door when you sign in.
2. Before the meeting you gather as many names of other persons at the meeting as possible. You must have their name, call {if applicable, name only for non hams} and how long approx they have been a member. Papers will be collected before the meeting starts. Results will be tabulated during the meeting. The person with the most names gathered will win a nice door prize. In the event of a tie a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Good Luck!

Dont Forget! The FWRC Code and Theory Classes started Mon Oct 3rd at ITT Tech. If you know a prospective ham, please let them know. It's not too late to start! All interested parties contact Bill Kindred WA9RAP at 485-8044.

That wraps it up for Oct CLIFF NOTES:

Here lies the Father of 29,
Would of had more ,
But didn't have time

"Saloon for Now"
Cliffie N9MKB



September 1994 Minutes

The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:

The September meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was called to order at 7:45pm on Sep 16th, 1994 by President Cliff Shreve.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurers report was read, with \$322.00 in expenditures for the past month.

John Goller K9UWA and Jean Anderson N9PXF, held an appreciation drawing for the Hamfest volunteers. 24 prizes were awarded. * The YLs turned over \$424.76 to the Club from hamfest concession sales.

Old Business: The controller on the '76 repeater will soon be programmed with the courtesy tone. The controller for the '91 autopatch repeater had arrived, with \$369.00 spent of the \$1000.00 allocated (you guys willing to go to work in Washington DC?)

New Business: * Bill Hall, WD9HII presented the slate of officers for the October election and opened the floor for nominations (See next article for his report - ed).

* The YLs reported that the Christmas banquet would be held on December 16, 1994 at the Church.

Program: Charlie Willer, WB9ULN gave an interesting glimpse of the past, showing the various railroad, inter-urban, and streetcar operations of the Fort Wayne area over the past 130 years. He also discussed the plans of the Historical Railroad Association to acquire and operate a streetcar system around the north side of the city in the near future, along with two museums on the former railworks grounds near Clinton Street.

*Respectfully submitted, Carol Burke
WB9RUS*

ELECTIONS * ELECTIONS * ELECTIONS

Your nominations committee, at the September meeting, presented a slate of officers and directors for the 1995 calendar year. Since that presentation, we have had one withdraw their name and another agree to stand for election. The slate as it now stands is:

OFFICERS

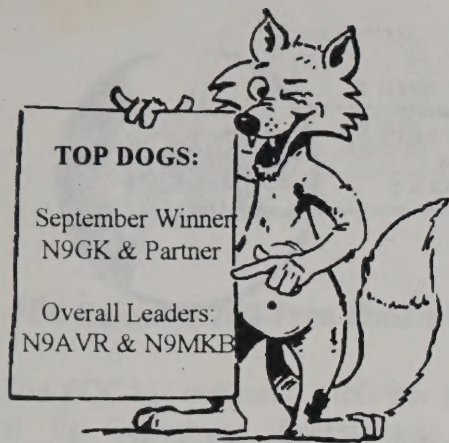
President	Jim Pliett, K9OMA Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO
Vice President	Dave Evans, N9LOV Cliff Shreve, N9MKB
Secretary	Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer	Bob Streeter, AB9U
Communications Mgr	Kris Staller, KF9AW
Trustee	Lynn Hyndman, W9FC

BOARD MEMBERS (elect 4)

Al Burke, WB9SSE Dave Evans, N9LOV
Carol Burke, WB9RUS Ray Kronin, K9KI
Larry Burke, N9HVP Cliff Shreve, N9MKB

According to Article V : Section 4, "The elections of officers shall take place at the October meeting, and shall be conducted by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may be re-opened prior to the election by a motion from the floor." (emphasis added). It should also be noted that election of officers will be held first. Those not elected will be eligible to run for a seat on the board. The general election of officers and directors will be followed by a special election of representatives to the Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC). There will be an open period for nominations, to be followed by written ballot election. The club is entitled to one (1) voting IRCC representative for each ten (10) members on the roster.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hall, WD9HII
Nominating Committee Chairman



Allen County Fox Hunt

The October Foxhunt was won by Vic Keller, N9GK and a partner (unknown at press time). Cliff Shreve, N9MKB and Walt Wood, N9AVR were the foxes. They were hidden on a dead-end stretch of road by the new 469 bypass. They did such a great job that it took over 2 1/2 hours for the first hound to locate them. Jim and Ann Pliett, K9OMA and KA9YYI found them 1/2 hour after Vic. Third place went to KB9DOS and KB9DOT, and fourth to KB9DOP and N9KKG. Overall standings have the dynamic pair of Cliff and Walt leading the pack.



The next Allen County/Fort Wayne Area Fox Hunt will take place on Sunday, November 13 at 13:00. Meet at the Allen County Fairgrounds on Carroll Rd. You don't have to own DF equipment to participate. There is always plenty of room to ride along! The fox will be on 146.43 MHz.

Of Foxes and Such - Jim K9OMA

How hard can it be to catch a fox that's blind and crippled? Harder than you think! OK, that's a trick question, so let me explain.

In this case, the fox is actually a Ham radio operator, or operators who have parked their vehicle in a location so as to make them inconspicuous as possible. They use the Ham radio to make their presence known to other Ham radio operators. It now becomes the other Ham operators job to hunt down the fox by using the fox's radio transmissions. There are special antennas and other equipment that yield compass headings as to the fox's direction from the hunter. The winner of this "fox hunt" is the person who finds the fox with the least mileage and time. In order to be the "fox" you must be the winner of the last "fox hunt".

Now it's time to tell you about this blind, crippled fox. Walt Wood, who's ham radio call is N9AVR has been a ham for many years. He lost the use of his legs through a motorcycle accident several years ago. Cliff Shreve, who's ham radio call is N9MKB, has been a ham radio operator for a while too. Cliff has been declared legally blind due to an illness some time ago. So, now you have the story. These two hams have paired up to make an unusual team to say the least, and have been winning so much they've take the lead in this small but enthusiastic bunch of fox hunters.

How do they do it? Well, Walt has built some of the fox hunting equipment and has learned how to use it quite skillfully. And Cliff said he doesn't mind driving at all, as long as Walt tells him when to turn! Seriously though, here are a couple of guys that have teamed up to overcome some serious handicaps by using each others strengths. The interesting thing about Walt and Cliff is that you don't hear them complain, ever. These guys have learned to work smarter. Something we should all do. Cliff, Walt, we admire your courage and conviction and salute both of you, 73's.

Note: Cliff is the president of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and is very active in amateur radio. Walt is a technician at D&L Communications and flies radio controlled airplanes as another hobby.



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ALBANIA !



Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.91, cluster KR9U or K1FJ-2, or on 144.97, W9INX.

1994 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME _____ CALL _____ CLASS: N T G A E

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME TELEPHONE # () _____ WORK TELEPHONE # () _____

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MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC, July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$21.00/yr \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr licensed member

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: _____ \$6.00/yr \$3.00/yr full time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: _____ \$15.00/yr \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # _____ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

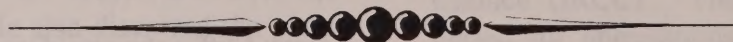
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FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (CIRCLE THIS PARAGRAPH TO RESERVE ONE!)

Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder.

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FCC Releases Toll-Free Phone Number

The FCC has instituted a toll-free phone line at its Gettysburg, Pennsylvania licensing division for customer service inquiries. Amateurs may call 800-322-1117 weekdays between 8 AM and 4:30 PM Eastern Time to access an automated information system with recorded messages on interference complaints, form requests, records, and Amateur Radio call sign assignments.

Other messages regard fee information and processing times. A Touchtone telephone is required.

The FCC said the new service was part of its response to a presidential order that the federal government be "customer driven." The FCC said it used a series of focus groups with external customers to identify the desire for an 800 number at its licensing division.

"Within the next 18 months," the FCC said, "customer service standards will be developed for other areas of Commission operations to ensure that FCC customers receive the highest quality of service possible. As these new standards become available, the FCC will inform its customers."

Solar Propagation Forecast

FWDXA - KT7H

Average solar flux was up by only a few points last week. Geomagnetic indices have also risen a bit, signalling some instability. Very low levels of solar activity should continue, with a recurring coronal hole causing active geomagnetic conditions around October 4 or 5.

Solar flux should rise to about 85 after the first of the month, and then drop back to around 70 by October 17. Sunspot Numbers for late September averaged 28.7, 10.7 cm flux averaged around 73.8.

The path projection for this report is from Togo (5V) and Norfolk, Virginia: 80 meters looks good from 2230z to 0600z, peaking around 0030z to 0500z. 40 meters should be open from 2130z to 0700z, and 30 meters from 2030z to 0400z, with 30 meters open as late as 0700z on many days. 20 meters should be open from 1700z to 0000z, peaking toward the end of the period. Check 17 meters from 1330z to 2200z, and 15 meters from 1500z to 2000z. 12 meters may be open on some days from 1530z to 2000z. 10 meters does not look promising, but on rare occasions it may be open some time between 1500z and 2100z.



DX News Summary

- KB8NW/OPDX/BARF-80 BBS

5V, TONGO. Baldur, DS6SI, is now active as 5V7DB. Most of his activity is on CW (with some RTTY) on 15, 17, 20, 30 and 40 meters. QSLs for CW and SSB go to DJ6SI.

J6, ST. LUCIA. Several Southwest Ohio DX Association members will return to St. Lucia for a CQWW SSB contest DXpedition. Activity will begin October 22nd and last for 2 weeks (November 5th). Operations will be on 160-10 meters (including WARC bands) on CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL contest QSOs via N9AG. Individual call signs/QSL routes will be used outside the contest.

PJ7/PJ8, ST. MAARTEN. Jim/KI4HN, Scott/KA9FOX, and Mike/N0BSH will be active from October 25th to November 1st. The group plans to operate signing PJ8Z as a multi-single entry in CQ WW SSB. Operators will sign PJ7/ before and after the contest. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands. QSL all calls via KA9FOX.

DX News Summary (Cont)

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Tom/K2TD, Jack/N2VW and Mike/WB2YOF will be operating as VP5R, a multi-single entry in the CQWW SSB Contest on all bands during the contest. Before and after the contest, from October 25 through November 1, they will be signing VP5/home call, emphasizing CW and the new bands. QSL VP5/call via home calls, and VP5R via N2VW, via the bureau, or direct with SASE or SAE and return postage. (Please note that VP5R is re-issued; QSL this operation only via N2VW).

Also, there will be a group from the Florida DX Association to return to VP5 (Providenciales) NA-02 to participate in the CQWW SSB Contest. The operators will sign /VP5 before and after the contest while signing VP5Y during the contest. Look for operators: Steve/AB4UF, John/AC4ET, Dick/K4UTE, Bill/KQ4GC, Ron/N4KE, Mike/NF4L, Jim/NU4Y and AL/W3ZNB. All QSLs go to K4UTE (Please do not send bureau cards to VP5 bureau!).

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Jon, G8XFT, will be active from Mt. Kent in the Falkland Islands from October 18th until approximately February 20, 1995. His activities will be on all HF bands plus 2m and 70cm on all voice modes.

UA0, STOLBOVOY ISLAND. Sanyi is currently signing UA0QJG/0 and can usually be found on 20 meters CW between 1130 and 1300z on/or around 14003 kHz. Stolbovoy is located in the Lyakhovskiy Island group and has an IOTA number of AS-029. QSL via UA1AGC.

8R, GUYANA. Eddie/G0AZT and Glenn/W6OTC will be in 8R-land on October 13th to participate in the JARTS WW RTTY Contest (Oct. 15-16) as 8R1TT. They will be active 80-10 meters before and during the contest. QSL all contacts with 8R1TT to Eddie Schneider, POB 5194, Richmond, CA 94805.

9X, RWANDA. Hartmut, 9X5HG, has apparently returned to Rwanda and is again active. Several in the Southeastern Cluster Group worked him around 0330Z on October 1st on 7028 kHz.

ET, ETHIOPIA. ET3BT has been showing up on the 14226 DX Net almost every day. Look for ET3BT between 1800 and 2230z.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY. Stefan/AA2SZ, Charles/N2HIG, Howard/K2MME, Bob/N0IMH, Laurent/F6GOX and Adolphe/FJ5AB will be operating in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Multi/Multi entry signing FJ5AB. The group will be there from October 26th through November 3rd, and also operate before and after the contest using FJ/homecalls on all bands, CW, SSB and RTTY.

FM, MARTINIQUE. Doug, N3ADL, will be operating from here October 26th through November 2nd (plus take part in CQWW DX SSB Contest), using the special callsign of TO5MM. Expect SSB, RTTY and possible satellite operations. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters. QSL via CBA, enclosing SASE etc.

GU, GUERNSEY. F6FGN and F5SHQ will be active from October 28th to November 4th. Both operators will sign GU/callsign and be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL to: P.O. BOX 14, 44521 Oudon, France.

SV/A, MT. ATHOS. The Tokyo Packet Cluster reports Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/A seems to be pretty active on RTTY. They also report his signal was not very strong but fair via the long path. Look for him around 14083 kHz between 7000 and 7030z.

V4, ST. KITTS. The North Alabama DX Club will operate from St. Kitts in the CQWW SSB Contest in the multi-single category. The group will be signing V47WK and will be active from October 25 until November 1. Activity will be on WARC bands, RTTY and LOW-BANDS before and after the contest.

VP2E AND PJ7, ANGUILLA AND ST. MAARTEN. ARRL New England Division Vice Director, Warren/WB1HBB, will be vacationing/operating (with the emphasis on vacationing) from Anguilla as VP2E/WB1HBB on October 18-20 and from St. Maarten as PJ7/WB1HBB from October 21 through October 28th. Look for him on 14.263 (+/-) at 1230Z and again at 2100Z. QSL to his home call.

XF4, REVILLA GIGEDOS. An international team headed up by Victor Keller XE1VIC will activate Socorro Island (NA-30), October 31st through November 1st (including a multi-single entry in the CQWW/SSB Contest). The team will be signing XF4M and will be operating on all HF bands/modes including RTTY and RS-12. QSLs via JH1AJT.

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS. K4IJJ, W9NQ, KJ6HO, N6LL, N6DLU, N7QQ and others will sign ZF2JI in a Multi/Multi effort in the CQ WW SSB Contest. QSL ZF2JI via KG6AR. There will be activity before and after the contest. QSL ZF2NQ via W9NQ, ZF2LS via KJ6HO and ZF2VT via N7QQ.